

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Claim No.: C99-11780

Civil Action No.: CY99-5871

Judge:

Ross, J.  
Caden

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

§  
§  
§  
§

vs.

VALERIE J. TRANUMN

**COMPLAINT**

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE:

The United States of America, plaintiff, alleges that:

**Jurisdiction**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to Article III, Section 2, U.S. Constitution and 28 U.S.C. § 1345.

**Venue**

2. The defendant is a resident of Kings County, within the jurisdiction of this Court and may be served with service of process at 1554 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11230.

**The Debt**

3. The debt owed the USA is as follows:

A. Current Principal ( <i>after application of all prior payments, credits, and offsets</i> )	\$2952.32
B. Current Capitalized Interest Balance and Accrued Interest	\$2353.10
C. Administrative Fee, Costs, Penalties	\$40.00
D. Credits previously applied ( <i>Debtor payments, credits, and offsets</i> )	\$0.00
E. Attorneys fees	\$0.00

**Total Owed as of September 17, 1999**

**\$5345.42**

The Certificate of Indebtedness, attached as Exhibit "A", shows the total owed excluding attorney's fees and CIF charges. The principal balance and the interest balance shown on the Certificate of Indebtedness is correct as of the date of the Certificate of Indebtedness after application of all prior payments, credits, and offsets. Prejudgment interest accrues at the rate of 8.0% per annum.

**Failure to Pay**

4. Demand has been made upon the defendant for payment of the indebtedness, and the defendant has neglected and refused to pay the same.

**WHEREFORE**, USA prays for judgment:

- A. For the sums set forth in paragraph 3 above, plus prejudgment interest through the date of judgment, all administrative costs allowed by law, and post-judgment interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961 that interest on the judgment be at the legal rate until paid in full;
- B. For attorneys' fees to the extent allowed by law; and,
- C. For such other relief which the Court deems proper.

Dated: September 17, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON AND SOLOMON, P.C.

By: 

William P. Hessney (WH9694)  
Five Columbia Circle  
P.O. Box 15019  
Albany, NY 12203  
Tel No. (518) 456-7200  
Fax No. (518) 456-0651

Attorneys for Plaintiff

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This is a communication from a debt collector.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Valerie J. Tranum  
AKA: Valerie Tranum  
1554 Ocean Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11230-4586  
SSN: 093-46-5898

I certify that Department of Education records show that the borrower named above is indebted to the United States in the amount stated below plus additional interest from May 17, 1999.

On or about August 29, 1986, the borrower executed promissory note(s) to secure loan(s) of \$2,500.00 from Manufacturers Hanover Trust at 8.00 percent interest per annum. This loan obligation was guaranteed by Northstar Guarantee, Inc. and then reinsured by the Department of Education under loan guaranty programs authorized under Title IV-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq. (34 CFR. Part 682). The holder demanded payment according to the terms of the note(s), and credited \$.00 to the outstanding principal owed on the loan(s). The borrower defaulted on the obligation on November 30, 1988, and the holder filed a claim on the guarantee.

Due to this default, the guaranty agency paid a claim in the amount of \$2,952.32 to the holder. The guarantor was then reimbursed for that claim payment by the Department under its reinsurance agreement. The guarantor attempted to collect the debt from the borrower. The guarantor was unable to collect the full amount due, and on August 4, 1993, assigned its right and title to the loan(s) to the Department.

Since assignment of the loan, the Department has received a total of \$.00 in payments from all sources, including Treasury Department offsets, if any. After application of these payments, the borrower now owes the United States the following:

Principal:	\$2,952.32
Interest:	\$2,273.51
Administrative/Collection Costs:	\$40.00
Late fees	\$0.00
Total debt as of May 17, 1999:	\$5,265.83

Interest accrues on the principal shown here at the rate of \$.65 per day.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: Colleen

Name: Lynda Fratello  
Title: Loan Analyst  
Branch: Litigation Branch